



# **COEUR D'ALENE BASIN**

## **News Briefs**

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### **Environmental Protection Agency Highlights**

**Feasibility Study Human Health Alternatives-** Contact: Sean Sheldrake - (206) 553-1220

**Feasibility Study Ecological Health Alternatives -** Contact: Mary Jane Nearman - (206) 553-6642 or Anne Dailey - (206) 553-2110

**Removals -** Contact: Earl Liverman - (208) 664-4858 or (208) 786-5203

**Community Outreach -** Contact: Dick Martindale - (208) 664-4588 or Marianne Deppman - (206) 553-1237

- The public comment period for the Feasibility Study has been extended for an additional 30 days. Written comments must now be submitted by **April 13, 2001**. Comments should be sent to Mary Jane Nearman, USEPA, 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
- The comment period for the Remedial Investigation ends March 12<sup>th</sup>. Send comments to Mary Jane at the address above.
- Again this spring, EPA will conduct residential sampling in the Basin. The call-in program is complete and people will be contacted in the next several weeks to schedule the sampling. This year, the Corps of Engineers will be conducting the field work and will be using a portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) sampling device along with the standard soil sampling procedures.
- EPA is looking forward to continuing to work with the Consensus Process participants and others as cleanup alternatives for the Basin are developed over the next several months. The Proposed Plan, outlining the preferred cleanup alternative will be released for public review this summer.

### **Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:**

"Final Field Sampling Plan Addendum No. 18, Fall 2000 Field Screening of Sediment in Spokane River Depositional Areas, Summary of Results" (January 2001)

**Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights**

**Bureau of Land Management** - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe** - Contact: Phillip Cernera - (208)667-4119

**Panhandle Health District**- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

**Private Land Owners/Managers** - Contact Frank Frutche - (208) 682-2077

**Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees** - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

**State of Idaho** - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 660-4460

The follow-on workshop from the Consensus Process public summit meetings is scheduled for March 9 in Coeur d'Alene. The agenda will be to get the report ready for release and discuss the path forward to how the consensus process can be involved with the Proposed Plan. The location has not yet been determined. Please call Kathy Johnson for that information.

**State of Washington Department of Ecology** - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

**United States Fish and Wildlife Service** - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

**United States Forest Service** - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

**United States Geological Survey** - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

## Calendar of Events

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission.** Associated Logging Contractors Building. Remedial projects update, pertinent legislation, status of State Plan and TMDL, next five years at Bunker Hill, and five year plan for CRBC project work plan.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**CAC RI/FS Task Force.** Kootenai County Administrative Building, Rooms 1A/1B (451 Government Way [use lower parking lot], Coeur d'Alene). Draft Feasibility Study; how "response to comments" are managed; soil mining update, and schedule for the Proposed Plan and associated workshops.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.**

**Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition.** Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID) Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month)